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The relaxation of controls in Poland is currently reflected in the following conditions affecting foreign travel by Polish citizens:

- a. Passports for travel abroad are no longer issued by the UB. (Security Police) or even with the concurrence of the UB but directly by the passport division of the Ministry of the Interior.
- b. The Polish frontiers are no longer guarded as closely as they were before and travellers are allowed to move freely in the border areas. During 1956 some 30,000 Poles were able to cross over into Czechoslovakia without guides and without having to leave their passports and belongings at the border guard outposts.
- c. Polish travellers abroad, even those going on private trips, are generally permitted to take their wives with them. Numerous Poles have been issued passports to visit relatives and friends in the West.

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